payment has since been normalised; if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether new contracts in this regard have since been given from the current financial year (April, 1989), if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government have taken any action against those contractors who did not supply ration last year according to the terms and conditions laid down by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. However, rice is being issued on restricted basis due to stock position.

(b) Contracts for supply of fresh items to DID, New Delhi for the year 1989-90 have been concluded. The contracts for various dry items are concluded from time to time during the flush seasons.

(c) Risk purchase action has been invoked against defaulting contractors, as per laid down conditions.

Setting up of a VCR/VCP manufacturing Unit in Orissa

656. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a VCR/VCP manufacturing unit in Orissa;

(b) whether the Orissa Government have sent any proposal to the Department of Electronics in that regard;

(c) whether the project is pending for Government's clearance; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to give clearance to the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN):

(a) and (b) Government of Orissa has requested that the proposed project of M/s. Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation Ltd. (ET&T) be located at Bhubaneswar, ET&T is yet to complete its locational study.

(c) and (d) ET&T's revised application for manufacture of VCRs/VCPs is under consideration of the Government.

Marketing of Medicines based on Nandrolone Phenylpropionate etc.

657. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether medicines based on Nandrolone phenylproprionate, Nandrolone Decanoate, Ethyl Estranol and Testosterone propionate are being marketed in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that these drugs have very adverse effects;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that no precautionary note is being made available either to the consumers or to medical profession;

(e) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard;

(f) what are the indications and contraindications of these drugs; and

(g) what were the imports of these drugs during the last three years, year-wise; and what was the CIF value of imports each year of each drug?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The reported adverse effects of these drugs are increase in

Nitrogen retention and skeletal weight, sodium and water retention oedema, increased vascularity of the skin hypercalcaemia, increased growth of the bones.

(d) to (f) The indications for these drugs and the precautions to be observed while prescribing anabolic steroids and the contra-indications given in the package insert are at Annexure-I. given in the statement—I (See below).

(g) Details of imports of these drugs such as quantity and C.I.F. prices are given in the Statement II

Statement I

Precautions

1. Anabolic Steroids should be administered only in the form of intermittant regimen not exceeding three months at a time. If no beneficial effect is observed during this period, the drug should be discontinued. The interval between two courses of treatment should not be less than 3 months.
2. While using Anabolic Steroids in the pre-pubertal age group, there should be very close monitoring and supervisions by means of parameters like boneage, developme t of se ondary sex characteristics and growth velocity chart. If there is evidence of opiphyseal maturation, at any stage, as shown by follow-up X-ray, the treatment with Anabolic Steriods should be discontinued forthwith.
3. The use of Anabolic Steroids in atheletes does not improve the work performance of the atheletes.
4. The Anabolic Steroids should not be given as food substitutes under any circumstances. These drugs exert their optimal effect only when adequate protein and calorie intake in the patients is ensured and not otherwise.

Contra-Indications:

1. Prostatic carcinoma
2. Pregnancy
3. Breast carcinoma in males
4. Liver disfunction
5. Congestive cardiac failures

Indicatlons:

1. Refractory and aplastic anaemia
2. Chronic renal failure
3. Osteoporasis specially that associated with the use of glucocorticoid hormoes and fractures.
4. Selected cases of pre-pubertal growth retardation wheu adequate calories have been replenished and patient can be monitored adequately vis-a-vis bone age, virilization and lipid changes.

Statement-II

Year 1985-86		Year 1986-87		Year 1987-88	
Qty. in kg.	Value	Qty. in kg.	Value	Qty. in kg.	Value
		Nandrolone Phenylpropionate			
164	1292895	178	1516438	33·5	282383
		Nandrolone Decanoate			
10	97459	14·5	174583	15·8	199321
		NIL			
		Testosterone Propionate			
31	321352	171·2	1959242	15	134432